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SUBJECT: OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM -

1. IN KEEPING WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR
INSURED AND FINANCED INVESTMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
OPIC IS CURRENTLY EVALUATING A SELECTED NUMBER OF PROJECTS
IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND COUNTRIES. AS THE OPERA-
TION OF OLINKRAKT CELULOSE E PAPEL'S IGARAS AND JUNDIAI
PLANTS, SCOTT PAPER'S COMPANHIA DE PAPEIS FACILITIES AT
CRUZEIRO, S.P., AND HOOKER CHEMICAL'S VULCAN MATERIAL
PLASTICO'S FACILITIES AT MOGI DAS CRUCES INVOLVES A NUMBER
OF RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS FOR WHICH APPROPRIATE
SAFEGUARDS WERE CONTEMPLATED, OPIC REQUESTS THE EMBASSY'S
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFOR-
MATION AS POSSIBLE.

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A. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
THE PROJECTS ARE NOT MAKING CONCERNED EFFORTS TO PROTECT
THE ENVIRONMENT OR ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH GOB OR STATE
LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN THIS REGARD?

B. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY DISPUTES BETWEEN THE PROJECTS

AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND/OR LOCAL CITIZENRY OVER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES? ARE THERE RECENT OR PENDING STATUTES

OR REGULATIONS THAT MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT ANY PROJECT'S OPERATIONS?

C. WHAT IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC IMAGE OF THESE PROJECTS WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OR ABUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT?

D. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OF WHICH EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY BE AWARE.

2. FYI: OPIC HAS WRITTEN TO THE PROJECT'S SPONSORS IN THE U.S. AS PART OF OUR MONITORING OF THESE PROJECTS. END FYI.

3. THE OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM IS AN OPEN-MINDED ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT, IF ANY, OF OPIC-SUPPORTED U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY. THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING PROGRAM OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE THAT MAY INVOLVE ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL. OPIC APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND WELCOMES ANY COMMENTS ON THIS PROGRAM AND/OR THESE PROJECTS.

4. OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST ON-SITE INSPECTION
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IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPLYING TO THIS MESSAGE. RATHER, POST MAY USE ITS DISCRETION. IF JUDGED ADEQUATE, POST SHOULD DRAW ON ITS FILES AND OTHER READILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN DEVELOPING REPLY. WHILE OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO BURDEN POST WITH THIS REQUEST, REPLY BY MID-JUNE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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